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LETTER DATED 21 OCTOBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TAJIKISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I wish to inform you herewith that the measures taken in my country, Tajikistan, by the political leadership, represented by the President and Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Tajikistan, Akbarsho Iskandorov, and the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, for the peaceful settlement of the conflict, the cessation of the confrontations between local armed groups and the creation of normal peaceful and stable conditions for the people affected by the armed conflict in the Kulyab and Kurgan-Tyube regions have unfortunately not been successful. Innocent people continue to perish, many have been forced to abandon the places where they were born and raised and children, women and old people are suffering.

Many industrial, agricultural and public facilities have been destroyed and housing in particular has suffered.

Industrial and agricultural output has fallen sharply, as has production and sale of livestock and the movement of freight by all means of transport. The rate of inflation and the general deterioration in the financial situation are increasing rapidly. The standard of living of the population, especially young people, large families, retired persons, workers and members of collective farms continues to decline. Crime is on the increase. Famine threatens Tajikistan.

The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan requests you to send a peacemaking mission and to provide humanitarian aid to Tajikistan urgently.

An emergency aid fund has been established in Tajikistan and we appeal to the world community, the public organizations of the United States, Europe, Asia and Latin America and private donors to make generous donations to our fund, which will be used to meet the needs of refugees, to rebuild hospitals, schools, mosques and industrial and agricultural centres and to build housing. We appeal to you, in the context of the current reorganization of the structure of the United Nations Secretariat, to ensure that the appropriate branches and specialized agencies of the United Nations take the necessary action, with the cooperation and under the responsibility of the

Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, to provide assistance in the reconstruction of the towns, districts and inhabited places damaged in the conflict.

The leadership of the Republic of Tajikistan, at the national level and in its relations with the international community, will in all cases be guided by the desire to save lives, provide timely material and moral aid and support to those in need in the areas of armed conflict and alleviate human suffering.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) L. KAYUMOV
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of the Republic of Tajikistan to the
United Nations